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1. EMBOFFS HAVE CONVEYED INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTELS A AND B

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TO APPROPRIATE FISHERIES (MINISTRY MERCHANT MARINE) AND MFA

OFFICIALS, STRESSING URGENCY IN AGREEMENT ON A COMMON PLAN TO ENSURE THAT CONSERVATION MEASURES ADOPTED AT SPECIAL OTTAWA MEETING TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1974.

2. MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE HAS DESIGNATED DR. LEONETTO DE LEON AAS OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ICNAF AFFAIRS FOLLOWING RETIREMENT FROM MINISTRY OF DR. ALFONSO CARUSI, WHO REPRESENTED GOI IN PAST AT ICNAF MEETINGS. DE LEON WILL BE ATTENDING OTTAWA MEETING, ASSISTED BY AN INDUSTRY CONSULTANT. HE IS NEW TO THE FIELD, BUT IMPRESSED EMBOFF AS MAKING SERIOUS EFFORT TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE ORGANIZATION, ITS PROBLEMS AND US PROPOSALS. HE STATED THAT MINISTRY, IN CONSULTATION WITH FISHING INDUSTRY, IS PRESENTLY DRAWING UP FOR FIRST TIME AN "INVENTORY" OF ITALIAN FISHING INTERESTS IN NW ATLANTIC -- E.G., NUMBER OF VESSELS FISHING THE AREA, COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF CATCH, ETC. -- WHICH WOULD BE BROUGHT TO OTTAWA MEETING.

3. DE LEON NOTED FURTHER THAT ITALIAN FISHING EFFORT IN NW ATLANTIC HAS BEEN PICKING UP ONLY RECENTLY WITH THE OUTFITTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SHIPS SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS AREA. EXPLAINED THAT WHEREAS IN PAST ITALIANS HAD NOT RPT NOT USED FULL QUOTAS, WITH BUILDUP OF NW ATLANTIC FLEET WOULD LOGICALLY BE MORE INTERESTED IN FULLY EXPLOITING THEIR ASSIGNED SHARE, ALTHOUGH FULLY COGNIZANT OF GENERAL OVERFISHING EFFORT AND RESULTING SPECIES DEPLETION. COMMENT: EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT GOI WILL LIKELY ATTEMPT TO MAKE CASE IN ICNAF FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR ITALY IN VIEW OF ABOVE.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING LATEST AVAILABLE COPY OF REVISED ICNAF HANDBOOK. PLEASE POUCH TO ECON/G, ATTN. D. WILSON. VOLPE

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